

Texas Education Agency
Division of Federal and State Education Policy

Title I Committee of Practitioners Meeting

February 23, 2016

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Members present

Jayne Tavenner, Martha Anderson, Marti Couch, Alexandra Dominguez, Nadine Wolfe, Brenda Faz-Villarreal, Mary Thomas

Members absent

Lane Cartwright, Shirley Clark, Annette Gregory, Richard Mik, Cris Munoz

Proxy members present

None

TEA staff present

Anita Villarreal, LaNetra Guess, Didi Garcia, Mark Baxter, Stacy Avery, Eleanor Blaise, Sarah Averill, Julie Wayman, Cory Green

Welcome from Anita Villarreal

Anita Villarreal called the meeting to order at 9:10.

Announcements:

- Shirley Clark was absent.
- Richard Mik was absent.
- Toni Garrett from the Capacity Building Initiative was introduced. Her role in COP activities was shared with COP members.

Previous meeting minutes

- September 22, 2015

Marti Couch made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jayne Tavenner seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Committee discussion items:

[Item: School Improvement and Support Updates](#)

[Presenter: Mark Baxter, TEA](#)

[Handouts: None](#)

TEA is working on a state plan for implementation of ESSA which will be aligned with the vision and goals of the new Commissioner. TAA letter is coming soon with updates to the field on ESSA and its impacts. Nothing changes for the rest of this school year, there will be a few changes next school year, and lots of changes the following year. Next school year HQT goes away, but it remains in place for this school year. State certification will now be the proxy for HQT, and more information is needed on the impact this may have on charter schools.

There must be an orderly transition from NCLB to ESSA for accountability. TEA will maintain the same priority and focus lists for next year, and will differentiate the required interventions based on state accountability. Details will be communicated to LEAs this summer. The Commissioner wants to get to the point that only one accountability system is needed.

[Item: McKinney-Vento/Foster Care Updates](#)

[Presenter: Julie Wayman, TEA](#)

[Handouts: McKinney-Vento Homeless Education & Foster Care ESSA Updates](#)

The Title I State plan for ESSA must discuss implementation and coordination of McKinney-Vento Homeless and Foster Care. We are currently waiting for regulations and guidance on specifics. A list of requirements can be found on the handout.

[Item: Private-Non-Profit and Title I, Subpart 2, Part D](#)

[Presenter: LaNetra Guess, TEA](#)

[Handouts: Title I, Part D Updates and Title I, Part A Updates](#)

PNP changes under ESSA will require an ombudsman. ESSA specifics for PNP are listed on the handout Title I, Part A Updates. More information will be coming with the regulations. Please send in ESSA questions to USDE or to NCLB mailbox.

Under ESSA, Title I, Part D language changes from vocation to career, use of funds expands, and there is a revised definition of “at-risk” as it relates to Title I, Part D. Additional changes are listed on the Title I, Part D handout.

[Item: Grants Administration Updates](#)

[Presenter: Cory Green, TEA](#)

[Handouts: None](#)

Funding for 16/17 will remain under NCLB rules, delaying ESSA implementation until July 1, 2017, with minimal changes to the NCLB Consolidated Application for 16/17. TEA will wait for USDE guidance and regulations and plan well for a smooth transition in 17/18. The small changes for 16/17 will be rolled out at ACET in April.

Committee members expressed concerns with the following items:

- Money following students and determining formulas for Title I; Cory said this would not change.

- SC5000 and its impact on districts as well as how it relates to PNP Equitable Services Worksheets; Cory said they could work on instructions for the SC5000, and that they will look at the SC5000 with the PNP worksheets to be sure they are aligned.

Additional updates related to ESSA:

- Comparability will not change.
- MOE will change, as a third criteria will be added as a waiver request for changes in organization structure and leadership; also, if you miss MOE but met it four prior years there will be no penalty.
- Supplement, not supplant for Title I will follow the supplemental funds test for Title I Schoolwide, and does away with the presumptions of supplanting. Other programs still have same older definition of supplement, not supplant.
- Title I formula will not change.
- School improvement formula does have some changes because there will be no SIG.
- EDGAR Version 5 FAQ is in the works, but there are no major changes. It will include clarification that employees of SSA member districts do not require participant support forms. TEA has a list of 20+ policies and procedures that auditors are expected to look at; this list will be sent out in the FAQ.
- Blanket approvals were given for parent and PNP participant support costs. TEA is now starting to respond to other participant support costs, but no approval on these has been given by USDE.
- Current 15/16 funding amounts may change again. When Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, some programs funded over 2 years had some small changes; Title I, Title II, Perkins, IDEA B could see changes to current final amounts, but TEA doesn't have all needed information from USDE yet. Revised final amounts will be available sometime this spring

Item: Title I, Part A Updates

Presenter: Anita Villarreal, TEA

Handouts: Title I, Part A Updates, ESSA 'Bout Time, Frontiers of Opportunity Powerpoint

This committee will become very busy with ESSA once regulations are available. The committee's role is to provide recommendations to take forward to upper management and the Commissioner. Currently we are working to build your capacity and share what we know as we go along so you can make informed decisions.

Title I, Part A updates are listed on the handout Title I Part A Updates. ESSA updates are described in Tiffany Winters' presentation "ESSA 'Bout Time." The Frontiers of Opportunity Powerpoint is an overview of USDE presentations from the National Title I Conference. The committee will be involved in giving recommendations as we develop the state plan, and these are resources we will use.

Item: Capacity Building Initiative

Presenter: Toni Garrett, Region 10

Handouts: [Capacity Building Initiative Flyer](#), [National Distinguished Schools Profiles](#)

The Title I Capacity Building Initiative provides many resources on best practices and compliance. A password protected webpage has been created for Committee of Practitioners, and all members will be invited to create an account for access. Important documents for review will be maintained on this webpage.

Ms. Villarreal adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Next meeting will be April 19, 2016.